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## **CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**

WATERBURY, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard announces that approximately 70 soldiers from the 143<sup>rd</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) of Waterbury, have been ordered to mobilize in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit is scheduled to be mobilized and deployed for up to 18 months.

**A formal send-off ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2006, 5:00 p.m. at the Waterbury Armory.**

The 143<sup>rd</sup> CSSB deployed to Bosnia and provided peacekeeping operations as part of the Stabilization Force (SFOR) 10 rotation in support of "Operation Joint Forge." The primary mission of the 143<sup>rd</sup> CSSB is to provide support to combat-ready forces such as personnel administration support, operational and logistical support.

Currently, 40 Soldiers from G Company, 126<sup>th</sup> Aviation of Windsor Locks are deployed to Iraq, 120 Soldiers from the 643<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Company of Westbrook are deployed to Germany in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and 500 Soldiers from the 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion are deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Approximately 150 soldiers from the 1048<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company of Stratford and approximately 30 soldiers from the 134<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company of Norwich are currently mobilized which brings the total number of Connecticut National Guard soldiers mobilized and deployed in support to the Global War on Terror to more than 1,000.

The 143<sup>rd</sup> CSSB is commanded by Lt. Col. William Adams of Cheshire, Conn.

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